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Table 4. Rating of items in Round 2¹

Item	Item description (n=43)	Median (range)	% of patients rating item (n=94)		Outcome	Median (range)	% of professionals rating item (n=67)		Outcome	Taken forward to patient consensus meeting
			8-9 ²	1-3 ²			8-9 ²	1-3 ²		
1	Usual activities and enjoy physical activities	9 (7-9)	96.7	0.0	essential	8 (7-9)	89.2	0.0	essential	yes
2	Eat and drink more easily	9 (7-9)	94.6	0.0	essential	8 (5-9)	84.6	0.0	essential	yes
3	Swallow without pain	9 (7-9)	94.6	0.0	essential	8 (2-9)	78.5	3.3	essential	yes
4	Enjoy healthy balanced eating pattern	9 (6-9)	88.2	0.0	essential	8 (2-9)	60.0	1.6	essential	yes
5	Reflux	8 (5-9)	89.2	0.0	essential	8 (2-9)	52.3	1.6	essential	yes
6	Problems eating socially	8 (1-9)	68.8	3.3	not essential	7 (4-9)	47.7	0.0	not essential	no
7	Regurgitation/vomiting ³	8 (1-9)	79.6	3.3	essential	8 (5-9)	49.2	0.0	not essential	no
8	Difficulties breathing ³	8 (4-9)	76.3	0.0	essential	7 (5-9)	39.1	0.0	not essential	no
9	Appetite loss	8 (1-9)	60.2	3.3	not essential	7 (2-9)	33.8	1.6	not essential	no
10	Dumping	8 (1-9)	67.4	3.4	not essential	7 (5-9)	43.1	0.0	not essential	no
11	Diarrhoea	8 (2-9)	68.8	2.2	not essential	7 (2-9)	40.0	1.6	not essential	no
12	Good general health	9 (5-9)	88.0	0.0	essential	8 (4-9)	75.4	0.0	essential	yes
13	General pain discomfort	8 (1-9)	67.7	1.1	not essential	7 (4-9)	30.8	0.0	not essential	no
14	Fatigue ³	8 (2-9)	73.1	1.1	essential	7 (4-9)	44.6	0.0	not essential	no
15	Feeling in control of weight/appearance	8 (2-9)	67.0	1.1	not essential	7 (3-8)	29.2	3.3	not essential	no
16	Feeling satisfied and confident with one's body	8 (4-9)	59.6	0.0	not essential	7 (2-9)	29.2	3.3	not essential	no

17	Relationships with family/friends ³	8 (6-9)	80.9	0.0	essential	8 (4-9)	50.0	0.0	not essential	no
18	Cognitive function ³	8 (1-9)	75.3	4.4	essential	7 (5-9)	35.4	0.0	not essential	no
19	Overall quality of life	9 (5-9)	91.5	0.0	essential	9 (8-9)	100.0	0.0	essential	yes
20	Overall survival	9 (7-9)	97.8	0.0	essential	9 (7-9)	98.4	0.0	essential	yes
21	Inoperability	9 (1-9)	92.5	2.2	essential	9 (5-9)	89.2	0.0	essential	yes
22	Organ injury ³	8 (1-9)	83.9	1.1	essential	7 (4-9)	47.7	0.0	not essential	no
23	Haemorrhage ³	8 (1-9)	83.9	1.1	essential	7 (3-9)	47.7	1.6	not essential	no
24	Chyle/pleural leak	8 (4-9)	86.0	0.0	essential	8 (4-9)	78.5	0.0	essential	yes
25	Anastomotic leak	9 (1-9)	91.4	1.1	essential	9 (7-9)	98.5	0.0	essential	yes
26	Conduit necrosis	9 (1-9)	93.5	1.1	essential	9 (7-9)	96.9	0.0	essential	yes
27	Reinsertion of drains	8 (4-9)	62.4	0.0	not essential	7 (3-9)	18.5	1.6	not essential	no
28	Laryngeal nerve palsy ³	8 (1-9)	82.8	1.1	essential	7 (4-9)	47.7	0.0	not essential	no
29	Wound infection ³	8 (1-9)	71.0	2.2	essential	7 (3-8)	13.8	1.6	not essential	no
30	Cardiac complications ³	9 (1-9)	76.3	2.2	essential	7 (4-9)	43.1	0.0	not essential	no
31	Renal complications ³	8 (1-9)	72.0	2.2	essential	7 (4-9)	24.6	0.0	not essential	no
32	Cerebral complications ³	9 (1-9)	76.3	2.2	essential	7 (3-9)	35.4	1.6	not essential	no
33	Liver failure ³	9 (1-9)	77.4	2.2	essential	7 (3-9)	23.1	3.3	not essential	no
34	Respiratory complications	9 (1-9)	81.7	1.1	essential	8 (4-9)	55.4	0.0	essential	yes
35	Deep vein thrombosis; Pulmonary embolism	9 (1-9)	83.7	2.2	essential	8 (4-9)	56.9	0.0	essential	yes
36	Re-ventilation	9 (1-9)	90.3	1.1	essential	8 (4-9)	78.5	0.0	essential	yes
37	In-hospital mortality	9 (1-9)	96.8	2.2	essential	9 (7-9)	98.5	0.0	essential	yes
38	Severe problems related to nutrition	8 (3-9)	78.3	1.1	essential	8 (4-9)	60.9	0.0	essential	yes

39	Empyema ³	8 (1-9)	79.3	1.1	essential	7 (1-9)	46.9	3.3	not essential	no
40	Abdominal hernia	8 (1-9)	65.9	1.1	not essential	6 (1-9)	15.6	3.3	not essential	no
41	Colonic interposition	9 (1-9)	90.0	1.1	essential	8 (4-9)	79.7	0.0	essential	yes
42	Diaphragmatic hernia repair ³	9 (1-9)	89.1	1.1	essential	7 (3-9)	37.5	1.7	not essential	no
43	Need for another operation	9 (1-9)	90.2	1.1	essential	8 (4-9)	64.1	0.0	essential	yes

¹ Items ordered as they appeared in the Round 2 questionnaire

² Items were categorized as “essential” and retained for the consensus meeting if they met the following cut-off criteria: (i) rated 8-9 by ≥70% and 1-3 by <15% of patients, and; (ii) rated 8-9 by >50% and 1-3 by <15% of health professionals

³ Discordant items, rated as essential by patients but not professionals